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SB 539 - Proposes Changes to the Mandatory Reporting Laws

At its February 25, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board approved a statutory proposal to amend Business and Professions Code, Sections 2878.1 (VN) and 4521.2 (PT) relative to requiring employers to report resignations submitted by LVNs or PTs in lieu of suspension or termination for cause and requiring employment agencies and registries to report licensees who are "rejected" for cause as well as suspended, terminated or resigned in lieu of suspension or termination for cause.

The Board has the authority to issue an administrative fine against employers of licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and psychiatric technicians (PTs) who fail to report a suspension or termination for cause of a LVN or PT from their employ. However, many licensees are permitted to submit resignations in lieu of suspension or termination from employment for gross negligence, incompetence, and unsafe or deceitful acts. Additionally, existing law does not currently require employment agencies and registries to report that a licensee was rejected from assignment at a health care facility or a home health agency due to acts which would normally be cause for suspension

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Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative

In the December 2009 issue of the PRN Newsletter (see article "Enforcement Health Care Model Underway"), the Board reported that most Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) health care boards were taking over three years to complete investigations and take appropriate disciplinary actions against licensees. The DCA reviewed the existing enforcement process and found systemic problems that limit the boards' ability to investigate and act on cases in a timely manner. These problems range from legal and procedural challenges to inadequate resources.

In response, the DCA launched the Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) to overhaul the enforcement process at the healing arts boards.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) is to protect the public. Public protection is paramount to the Board and its highest priority in exercising its licensing, regulatory and disciplinary functions. Toward this end, the Board ensures that only qualified persons are licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians by enforcing education requirements, standards of practice and by educating consumers of their rights.

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Uniform Standards for Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees

Business and Professions Code section 315 (Senate Bill 1441, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2008), established a Substance Abuse Coordination Committee (SACC) to develop uniform standards for substance-abusing healing arts licensees. The SACC was required to establish uniform and specific standards by January 1, 2010 in sixteen areas. The standards are for use by all healing arts boards.

The SACC was comprised of the Executive Officers (EOs) of all healing arts boards, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the State Medical Director of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The Board's EO was a member of the SACC and attended several meetings throughout the year. Additionally, Board staff participated in a work group established to assist the SACC.

On November 16, 2009, the SACC adopted sixteen uniform standards. The DCA Director encouraged the boards to promptly implement those standards that do not require legislation or regulatory changes and to develop proposed statutory and/or regulatory changes, as needed, to fully implement the standards.

The Board worked on proposed amendments to the vocational nursing (VN) and psychiatric technician (PT) regulations and revised its Disciplinary Guidelines to include the uniform standards. However, the Board was advised that the DCA established a SACC Subcommittee to review standard #4 relative to required drug testing. A review of this standard was deemed necessary due to numerous concerns expressed during the public meetings regarding the frequency of testing required by this standard.

A draft of proposed regulatory language to implement the uniform standards was developed by the Board and presented at its May 20, 2010 Board Meeting. No action was taken by the Board pending the outcome of the SACC's review of standard #4 and possible revisions to that standard.

The SACC Subcommittee met on August 4, 2010 and March 9, 2011. Public comment was received during the meetings. The Subcommittee adopted revisions to standard #4 which include a new testing frequency schedule, exceptions, other drug standards, petitions for reinstatement, and outcomes. On April 11, 2011, the SACC adopted the Subcommittee's recommendations.

As a result of the SACC's adoption of the revised standards on April 11, 2011, the Board is revising its drug language to incorporate the revisions adopted by the SACC.

The proposed regulatory action was published by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in July 2011 and a hearing will be held on September 6, 2011. The proposal will be presented to the full Board for consideration at its September 9, 2011 Board Meeting. The Board anticipates submitting the rulemaking file to the OAL by the end of December 2011. Any amended regulations will be effective 30 days after they are approved by OAL.

Additional information regarding this proposed regulatory action, including the proposed regulatory language and contact person, can be accessed on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Interim Online License Renewal Project

The Board is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Office of Information Systems (OIS) to implement an "Online License Renewal Payment Project." This project will allow current licensees to renew their licenses online.

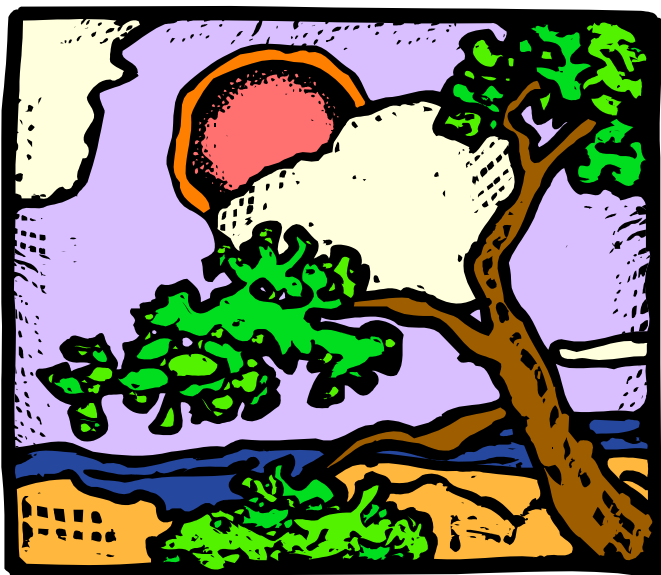
The Board is working with DCA OIS and the DCA Accounting Office to contract for credit card services and the setting up of the automation requirements. Once the contract is approved, the Board's website will be revised to include the link allowing licensees to renew their license online.

Sunset Review

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Sections 2841 and 4501, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians “shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends that date...”

As required by statute, the Board submitted a comprehensive report detailing its operations and enforcement activities for the past four years. The Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee conducted hearings to obtain further information relative to its findings and recommendations for each board under sunset review.

On February 17, 2011, Senate Bill (SB) 539 was introduced and authored by Senator Curren Price to extend the Board’s authority to regulate and enforce the practice of licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians until January 1, 2016. If approved and chaptered, the Board’s authority will be extended to January 1, 2016.



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Once fully implemented, the DCA expects the healing arts boards to reduce the average enforcement completion timeline to between 12-18 months.

During its CPEI review, DCA identified particular processes it recommended to make the enforcement process more efficient. After a 2010 bill to legislatively implement those CPEI enforcement provisions was unsuccessful (SB1111, McLeod), DCA has been strongly encouraging boards to adopt many of the enforcement provisions as regulations.

At its September 16, 2010 Board Meeting, the Board approved a draft of the proposed regulatory language to implement elements of CPEI and directed staff to prepare a rulemaking file for notice and comment. The notice of proposed regulations was published on March 25, 2011 and a public hearing was held on May 11, 2011.

Revisions to the proposed regulatory language are being considered based on comments received during the public comment period and at the hearing. Another 15 day public comment period will be held prior to completing the rulemaking file. The final proposed regulatory language will be presented to the Board at its September 9, 2011 Board Meeting. The Board anticipates submitting the rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law by the end of December 2011 and, if approved, the regulations would be effective 30 days thereafter.

Additional information regarding CPEI and the proposed regulations can be accessed on the Board’s web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.



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Nursing Shortage Update

Since the current nursing shortage surfaced in the late 1990s, the Board continues to monitor associated issues that affect its licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and psychiatric technician (PT) licensees.

Initially, many nursing positions went unfilled in all areas of patient care including acute care, long-term care, home health, rehabilitation sites and others as the aging nursing workforce retired. With the onset of the economic slowdown, many more experienced nurses who had previously retired or reduced their number of work hours returned to full-time work. This reduced the positions available to the less experienced workforce, especially new graduates. However, a critical demand is expected to resurface as the economy improves. By the year 2020, it has been reported that the shortage of available nurses is expected to quadruple. The shortage includes Registered Nurses (RNs) as well as LVNs. For LVNs, according to the 2010/11 Occupational Outlook Handbook, an increased need of 21% is expected through 2018. Similar deficits are identified in the need for PTs and other mental health care technicians. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation projects a need for approximately 122 LVNs and 440 PTs by 2013.

Several key strategies have been identified to correct the shortage. They include increased wages, maximizing utilization of available human resources, increased funding, and increased enrollment in educational programs.

To meet the demonstrated need, it is imperative that increasing numbers of nurses and PTs are educated. Those numbers are negatively impacted by the inadequate supply of nurse educators and a loss or reduction of educational funding for public institutions.

These issues impact the ability of many applicants to secure a quality affordable education. In turn, this may negatively impact the State's ability to prepare sufficient numbers of qualified nurses and PTs for today's and tomorrow's population.

To maximize the use of human resources, a sound understanding of the LVN and PT scopes of practice by RNs and physicians will enable LVNs and PTs to practice to their full extent as licensed providers and continue to be essential members of the health care team.

Surveys – Helpful Tools

The Board consistently seeks to improve its services to licensees and uphold its primary responsibility to protect the consumers of California. The Board uses surveys to collect needed information.

The Board's Education Division conducts an annual survey of the vocational nursing (VN) and psychiatric technician (PT) programs it accredits and a large number of clinical facilities, many of which are used by the programs.

The completed surveys are reviewed to determine trends and problems faced by VN and PT program educators. The clinical sites provide responses to such issues as VN and PT hiring practices, scope of practice concerns and the interface between the sites and the various VN and PT programs that use the those sites for clinical experience. The information gleaned from the surveys may prompt Board action to develop or amend policies or seek legislative amendments to the VN Practice Act or PT Law or make amendments to the Board's regulations.

The Board encourages completion of the surveys as a means of facilitating specific improvements as well as improvement of healthcare in general.



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or termination. When this occurs, licensees are able to gain employment by unsuspecting hospital's, other healthcare facilities, or home health care agencies because no negative employment history exists against the licensees. Frequently, the licensees continue to commit similar acts of misconduct and seriously jeopardize the consumer.

The intended purpose of Business and Professions Code (Code), Sections 2878.1 (VN) and 4521.2 (PT), is to enhance public protection by reducing the number of incompetent or unsafe licensees that are able to find employment after they violate the laws pertaining to their license or have been suspended or terminated for cause by one facility. LVNs and PTs are required to report other LVNs and PTs who commit any act violating the licensure laws and employers are required to report a suspension or termination for cause of any LVN or PT. These reports bring awareness of licensee misconduct to the Board when it may have otherwise remained unknown.

Sections 2878.1 and 4521.2 of the Code define suspension or termination for cause as suspension or termination from employment for any of the following reasons:

1. Use of controlled substances or alcohol to the extent that it impairs the licensee's ability to safely practice vocational nursing.
2. Unlawful sale of a controlled substance or other prescription items.
3. Patient or client abuse, neglect, physical harm, or sexual contact with a patient or client.
4. Falsification of medical records.
5. Gross negligence or incompetence.
6. Theft from patients or clients, other employees, or the employer.

Employers, employment agencies and registries would be required to report only those resignations by LVNs or PTs or "rejections" that are defined within these sections.

Senate Bill (SB) 539 was introduced by Senator Curren Price on February 17, 2011 to extend the operation of the Board. On April 25, 2011, SB 539 was amended to include the Board's proposed mandatory reporting requirements as described above.

The proposed amendments will close a loop hole that exists in current statute and assist the Board in initiating investigations against licensees who practice in a manner that jeopardizes public safety. Investigations that substantiate misconduct would result in the Board taking disciplinary action against the licensees. Unsubstantiated or bogus allegations do not proceed through litigation. The timely reporting of practitioner misconduct assists the Board to fulfill its mandate to protect the public.

If SB 539 is approved and chaptered, the proposed amendments will be effective January 1, 2012.

Enforcement Action list

The Board publishes and distributes its Enforcement Action List in January and July each year. The list identifies licensees against whom enforcement actions were taken during the six months immediately preceding publication of the list. The Enforcement Action List can be accessed on the Board's Internet web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Examples of formal discipline include:

- Revocation- The license is taken away from the individual by the Board; the individual may not practice as a licensee.
- Probation- The license is placed on probationary status which includes specific terms and conditions of compliance.

Other enforcement actions include:

- Cite/Fine- The licensee is issued a citation and required to pay a fine commensurate with the violation committed.

Note: Although every effort is made to ensure that the license information is correct, interested parties should call the Board at (916) 263-7800 to obtain updated and accurate license information.

Legislative Update

The Board is following with interest many of the proposed bills that are currently working their way through Senate and Assembly chambers. Of special interest are:

- AB 366 – This bill, introduced by Assembly Member Allen, relates to ensuring the health and safety of both patients and staff at state mental health facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health.
- SB 60 – This bill, introduced by Senator Evans, also addresses the safety of workers and patients in state hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health. The Board sent a Letter of Support for this proposed legislation.
- SB 539 – This bill, introduced by Senator Price, is the Sunset Bill which will extend the operation of the Board until January 1, 2016, at which time it would again be subject to review. In addition, this bill would require employers of LVNs or PTs to report to the Board any licensed employee's resignation, for cause, as defined, as well as any rejection from assignment of a PT or LVN. The bill would allow the Board to either inspect or review a school for accreditation purposes. The Board sent a Letter of Support for this proposed legislation.
- SB 541 – This bill, introduced by Senator Price, would allow the Board to enter into an agreement with an expert consultant, subject to certain conditions, to provide enforcement and examination assistance. The Board sent a Letter of Support for this proposed legislation.
- SB 747 – This bill, introduced by Senator Kehoe, would require LVNs and PTs (as well as other health care professionals) to complete at least one course of two to five hours on cultural competency, sensitivity, and best practices for providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons. Proposed amendments removed costly reviews.

- SB 794 – This bill, introduced by Senator Blakeslee, provides that a person confined to a state hospital who commits battery upon the person of a peace officer or employee of a state hospital by "gassing", as defined, is guilty of aggravated battery, punishable by imprisonment. The Board sent a Letter of Support for this proposed legislation.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2699 Regulation Update

Effective January 1, 2011, Assembly Bill 2699 (Bass, Chapter 270, Statutes of 2010), authorizes the establishment of regulations to allow a health care practitioner, licensed in another state, to participate in free health care events for uninsured or under-insured individuals in California. Such events may not exceed ten calendar days.

Specifically, Business and Professions Code, section 901, defines "sponsoring entities, sponsored events and health care practitioners" and sets forth requirements for registration of sponsoring entities and authorization for participation by practitioners licensed in other states.

The new law specifies that the sponsoring entities of these events must register with each applicable board prior to holding the event and provide reports to the boards after the event. Also, any out-of-state licensed volunteer must first apply to the applicable healing arts board in order to receive permission from that board to participate without a California license.

Proposed regulations necessary to implement this new law have been drafted and a regulation hearing is set for August 10, 2011. A copy of the draft regulations, along with other related documents, can be found on the Board's website at www.bvnpt.ca.gov. If the regulations are approved by the full Board in September 2011, the regulations should be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for its final review and approval in December 2011. The regulations become effective 30 days after they are approved by the OAL.

A New Analysis of the Psychiatric Technician Profession

In July 2011, the Board in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) commenced a new study of the Psychiatric Technician (PT) profession. The study is required to ensure the job relatedness of the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination and ensure that the licensure examination continues to reflect knowledge, skills, and abilities required for safe and competent practice. Specifically, the study seeks to identify those tasks that are commonly performed by PTs upon entry into professional practice.

Active participation of Subject Matter Experts (SME) is crucial to the success of the project. The Board actively solicited licensees that represent every practice setting and geographic area in which PT practice. The OPES conducted in depth interviews with entry-level licensees. For purposes of the study, the Board defines entry-level as licensure of no less than six (6) months and no more than five (5) years.

SME panels will be convened during September 2011 to review and finalize the list of reported tasks. Additionally, the panels will identify the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for safe and competent performance of each task.

That information will be compiled into a detailed questionnaire, and disseminated to a randomly selected sample population of approximately 2,000 entry level PTs and supervisors of entry-level licensees.

Completion of the project is scheduled for June 2013. Information derived from this research will be ultimately incorporated into a new PT Test Plan. This document serves as the blueprint for construction of the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examinations.



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Vocational Nurse Education Fund

The Vocational Nurse Education Fund was established to encourage vocational nursing (VN) students and licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) to work in medically underserved areas of the state in return for financial assistance with the individual's nursing education. Financial assistance is in the form of scholarships and loans. Support for the Fund comes, in part from a \$5.00 surcharge on VN license renewals. Other support is from donations by various organizations in the state.

Since 2007, more than \$450,000 was awarded as scholarships and loans to 105 VN candidates.

The Fund is administered by the Health Professions Education Foundation which is a division within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The application deadlines are March for loan applications and September for scholarship applications.

For more information about the Fund, contact:

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New NCLEX/PN Passing Standard

On December 8, 2010, the NCSBN Board of Directors voted to raise the passing standard for the NCLEX/PN™ Examination. Implementation of the new passing standard began on April 1, 2011 with the 2011 NCLEX/PN™ Test Plan.

The new passing standard was required as a result of the 2009 occupational analysis of vocational nursing practice. The study examined a random sample of clinical and geographical settings in the United States where vocational nurses practice. The study indicated a change in the delivery of health care and nursing practice. It found that based on today's health care system, entry-level vocational nurses are required to provide nursing care for clients with a greater acuity level than previously indicated. Given those findings, the NCSBN determined that safe and effective entry-level practice requires a greater level and complexity of knowledge, skills, and abilities than was required in 2008. For more information visit our website at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.



PT Examination Administration Vendor Update

On May 5, 2011, Board staff met with Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) staff, for the Psychiatric Technician (PT) Licensure Examination 2011 Annual Planning Meeting.

The current contract with Psychological Services Inc. (PSI) for examination administration services ends May 31, 2012. During the course of this contract, OPES will be issuing an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to solicit bids from contractors who would be able to provide these same services. OPES has assured the Board that there will be no break in service due to the IFB process.

Currently, PSI has thirteen (13) testing centers located throughout California. Current locations include: Anaheim, Atascadero, Bakersfield, Carson (Los Angeles Area), El Monte (Los Angeles Area), Fresno, Hayward (Bay Area), Redding, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Clara (Bay Area) and Santa Rosa.



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Board Meeting Dates and Locations

The two remaining 2011 Board Meetings will be held September 8-9, 2011 in Los Angeles and November 9-10, 2011 in San Diego.

The tentative schedule of 2012 Board meeting dates and locations is as follows:

February 22-24, 2012	Los Angeles
May 17-18, 2012	San Francisco
September 6-7, 2012	Los Angeles
November 8-9, 2012	Sacramento

Please note that all Board meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Interested parties should call the Board at (916) 263-7845 to confirm the date and specific meeting site of any Board meeting, or access the Board's web site at <http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov>.

With the exception of the February meeting, disciplinary hearings are held the first day of each Board meeting. In February, the first day consists of one half day Board Workshop, second day is for disciplinary hearings, the regular Board meeting is held on the last day. The Board meeting agenda is mailed to individuals on the Board's general and electronic mailing lists approximately two weeks prior to the meeting date. Agendas may also be accessed at the above web site. To join the Board's mailing list, go to the Board's website noted above.

The seating capacity is limited at each Board meeting. The Board makes every effort to meet in facilities that can accommodate the estimated 350-1400 members of the public who observe its proceedings; however, due to limited resources this is not always possible. If overcrowding should occur, attendees are asked to periodically release their seats to individuals waiting outside the room to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to observe the proceedings. The Board appreciates the cooperation of the faculty, students and the public.

In February 2011, the Board began webcasting its regular Board Meetings with the assistance of the Department of Consumer Affairs' Public Information Office. However, please be advised that due to limitation in information technology resources, it may not be always possible to webcast the entire open meeting.

Board Member Information

The Board is comprised of 11 members who are appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, or Senate Pro Tem. Six members must be public members and five must be professional members [two licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), two psychiatric technicians (PTs), and one member must be either a registered nurse educator or a LVN educator.

Ling-Ling Chang was appointed to the Board as a Public Member on February 11, 2010. Since 2003, she has served as president and chief executive officer of the Youth Science Center. Since 2009, she has served as a city councilmember for Diamond Bar. Chang served on the Walnut Valley Water District Board of Directors from 2005 to 2009 and the Diamond Bar Parks & Recreation commission from 2004 to 2006. She is a member of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona-Partners in Education.

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Victor King was appointed to the Board as a Public Member on February 11, 2010. Since 2002, he has served as legal counsel and a member of the President's Cabinet at California State University, Los Angeles. He is a member of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment Board of Directors, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the Pacific Council on International Policy and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

Mark Stanfield was appointed to the Board as a Licensed Vocational Nurse Member on April 23, 2010. He has been a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) at Patton State Hospital since 2006 and at VOICE: J & L Day Care Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults from 2005 to 2006. Stanfield served as an LVN at Loma Linda University Urology Medical Group and Mountain View Child Care in 2004.

Eric Mah was appointed to the Board as a Public Member on October 6, 2010. Since 2010, he has served the Interim Executive Director of Research Compliance & Integrity, Office of Research, at University of California, Davis. In addition, he has served as the Director of the Institutional Review Board, Office of Research, at University of California, Davis. During 2008-2009, he was Assistant Director-Human Subjects Research, UCLA Office for Protection of Research Subjects.

Following is a list of the current membership and vacancies of the Board:

<u>Board Member Name</u>	<u>Appointment Information</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
1. Kevin Baucom, PT	Appointed September 14, 2007	6/1/2011*
2. Ling-Ling Chang	Appointed February 11, 2010	6/1/2013
3. Todd D'Braunstein, PT	Appointed September 15, 2005	6/1/2012
4. Victor King	Appointed February 11, 2010	6/1/2013
5. Jessica Leavitt	Senate Appointed March 20, 2009	6/1/2012
6. Eric Mah	Assembly Appointed October 6, 2010	6/1/2012
7. Mark Stanfield, LVN	Appointed April 23, 2010	6/1/2012
8. John Vertido, LVN Educator	Appointed September 15, 2005	6/1/2012
9. LVN Member	Governor Appointment	Vacant
10. Public Member	Governor Appointment	Vacant
11. Public Member	Governor Appointment	Vacant

*This Board Member's term expired on 6/1/2011 but he is allowed to serve a one year grace period until he is officially reappointed or replaced by the Governor. Six members are needed to establish a quorum.

Information about the Governor's appointment process and applications for appointment may be accessed via the Governor's website at gov.ca.gov.

2011 Board Officers

On February 25, 2011, the Board Members elected John P. Vertido, LVN Educator Member, as the Board President and Todd D'Braunstein, PT Member, as the Board Vice President.

Change of Address?

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 136, licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any changes of mailing address within 30 days after the change. Violation of this statute may result in the issuance of a citation and fine. Additionally, failure to notify the Board of a new address in writing will result in unnecessary delays in receipt of your renewal forms, renewed licenses, and other important correspondence from the Board. Please submit your change of address in writing to the Board and be sure to include your name, license number, old address and new address. Please also be aware that your address of record is public information and may be disclosed upon request.



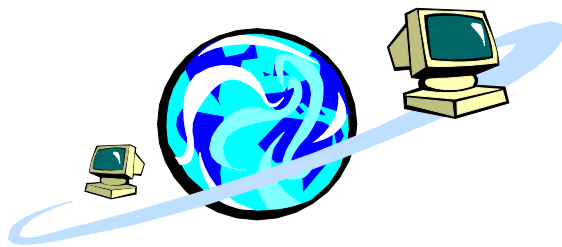
Name Changes

The procedure for an applicant or licensee to change their name is to send a letter indicating “name change request”. It must be signed by the person requesting the change AND specify the following:

- Full name;
- VN or PT license number or Applicant ID number;
- Social security number (optional);
- Former name;
- New name; and
- Daytime telephone number (in case the Board has questions).

The letter must be accompanied by a copy of the legal documentation to verify the name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree, court order, or a copy of the new driver’s license).

The Board does not issue a replacement license with the new name unless requested. The fee for a replacement license is \$25 for VN and \$20 for PT.



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One of the Board's strategic goals is to communicate effectively and work cooperatively with its stakeholders. To meet this goal the Board is available on the world wide web. The web page provides information regarding the Board's roles, functions and services, as well as issues and concerns pertaining to health care and the disciplinary process.



Important Telephone Numbers

The following is a list of telephone numbers to call should you require assistance:

- For general LVN information and questions about Examinations, call (916) 263-7800.
- For general PT information and questions about Examinations, call (916) 263-7830.
- For questions about an LVN or PT "scope of practice", call the Board's Education Unit at (916) 263-7843.
- To file a complaint against a licensee, call the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 263-7827 or Email bvnpt@dca.ca.gov

Other Regulatory Agencies

- For questions regarding Physicians or Medical Assistants, call the Medical Board at (800) 633-2322.
- For questions regarding Registered Nurses (RNs), call the Board of Registered Nursing at (916) 322-3350.
- For questions regarding Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), call the California Department of Public Health, Licensing and Certification Unit, at (916) 327-2445.

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